



MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY PROCLAMATION

Proclaiming October 1st -7th as Harvest Week

WHEREAS: the Municipality recognizes the value and benefit of growing local produce in Skagway; and

WHEREAS: in the ten years that it has been in place, the Fruit and Nut Tree Planting Initiative has fostered the planting and maintenance of locally grown and harvested fruit; and

WHEREAS: the Fruit and Nut Tree Planting Initiative has facilitated the planting of 177 fruit and/or nut trees in Skagway; and

WHEREAS: the Municipality wishes to provide a venue through which the Skagway community can harvest and share its bounty; and

WHEREAS: declaring a Harvest Day will facilitate limiting the amount of fruit, nuts and garden produce that annually remains unharvested and therefore wasted, and also limits the amount of this produce available for harvesting by the local wildlife; and

WHEREAS: a Harvest Day will encourage planned community activities during which citizens will be able to come together to learn about and be motivated to harvest locally grown produce, and provide an opportunity for the community to assist in harvesting produce for citizens who are unable to harvest their own; and

WHEREAS: a Harvest Day will encourage citizens to focus on improving the self-sustainability of the community and to educate each other on sustainable practices, for the benefit of Skagway;

WHEREAS: variable weather, human activity, and access to food can cause changes in wildlife activity within the Borough, and the Mayors of future years may proclaim different Harvest Week dates as noted in their Mayor's Reports.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andrew Cremata, Mayor of the Municipality of Skagway, do hereby proclaim October 1st – 7th of each year as Harvest Week.

Andrew Cremata, Mayor

ATTEST:

Steve Burnham Jr, Borough Clerk